**SIX TYPES OF TEST TAKING ERRORS**

By identifying the types of errors you make most consistently, you are able to edit for those errors before turning in a test or an assignment. This allows you to be more efficient in focusing on areas for improvement. You may wish to analyze your errors by using the chart which follows the description of types of errors. You might print this form out to get started, and design your own chart in the future.

 **Misread direction errors-** these errors occur when you skip directions or misunderstand directions, but answer the question or do the problem anyway.

 **Careless errors-** mistakes made which can be caught automatically upon reviewing your work.  **Concept errors-** mistakes made when you do not understand the properties or principles covered in the textbook and lecture.   
  
 **Application errors-** mistakes that you make when you know the concept but cannot apply it to a specific situation or question.

 **Test-taking errors-** mistakes that you make because of the specific way you take tests, such as:

* Missing more questions in the 1st-third, 2nd-third, or last-third of a test
* Not completing a problem to its last step or not answering a question fully.
* Changing test answers from the correct ones to the incorrect ones
* Getting stuck on one problem or question and spending too much time.

 **Study errors-** mistakes that occur when you study the wrong type of material or do not spend enough time studying pertinent material.

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|  | **Type of Error** | | | | | |
| Question #  Missed | Misread directions | Careless | Concept | Application | Test -taking | Study |
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